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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Interview Summary mailed February 24, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application. As box i on the Interview Summary was unchecked, Applicants are required to file a statement of substance of the interview. Since a response to the last Office Action was filed prior to the mailing of Interview Summary, Applicants are herein providing the required statement.

During the telephonic interview on January 17, 2003, Examiners Foley and Housel and undersigned Applicants' representative discussed the cited references (Schwartz and Carson) in

view of proposed claim language that the second antigen is not proximately associated with the complex comprising an immunomodulatory polynucleotide and first antigen. Proposed claim language was also discussed with regard to clarifying the claimed invention. All the claims were discussed and no agreement was reached with respect to the claims.

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